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Mr. Russell Jim Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, Washington 98948

Dear Mr. Jim:

RECEIPT OF COMMENTS ON THE N SPRINGS DRAFT EXPEDITED RESPONSE ACTION PROPOSAL

In response to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation (YIN) letter to Mr. John Wagoner from Mr. Russell Jim "N Springs Draft $\ensuremath{\sqcup} \mathcal{C}$ Expedited Response Action Proposal; Yakama Nation Disagreement with Proposal that makes use of a Sheet Metal Piling Barrier; Comments on Alternative Technology and Source Remediation--," dated October 12, 1994, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), would like to thank you for the comments.

The YINs continued participation in the remediation mission at the Hanford Site is acknowledged and appreciated. The comments present clearly the YINs concerns regarding preferred remediation measures and appropriate technology for N Springs.

RL will ensure that these comments are forwarded to and addressed by the State of Washington Department of Ecology, the lead regulatory agency on this project.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Paul M. Pak at 376-4798.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Erickson, Director

River Sites Restoration Division

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cc: R. Cook, YIN